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		Unit: 3763

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(d) and (e)(2)**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of the identified reference is enclosed as necessary. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is filed after receipt of a final office action or notice of allowance and on or before payment of the issue fee, and it is accompanied by: (1) a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2) and (2) the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, applicant requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A.

Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), only copies of foreign or other documents are provided. Copies of the U.S. patent references are not provided.

By this submission Applicant does not admit that such documents constitute prior art. Applicant reserves the right to show, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131 or otherwise, that any of the identified patents and publications, and any referenced in the present application are not prior art with respect to the present application.

Statement Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2)

No item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the best of my knowledge, after making a reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the IDS was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS.

Payment of Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.17(p)

The fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(p), required for submission of an IDS under 37 CFR § 1.97(d).

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary for the submission of the Information Disclosure Statement, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account. No. 04-1420 for any necessary fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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